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HIDEKI KUBOTA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: OH, T.V.  
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FOR: HETEROCYCLIC METHYL SULFONE DERIVATIVE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.